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(*d*) whether the establishment of a Deputy Tahsildar's office at Sankarapuram will be self-supporting besides affording relief to the people; and

(*e*) whether the Government will be pleased to call for the information?

A.—(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) No.

(*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) On receipt of a memorial in 1924 from the Bar Association, Kallakurichi, asking for the establishment of a Deputy Tahsildar's office at Sankarapuram, the Government examined the question and decided that there were no sufficient reasons for opening such an office. The Government are not aware of any change in the conditions of the case since 1924 and so do not propose to reopen the questions.

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"With reference to answer (*b*), may I ask the hon. the Revenue Member to collect statistics under revenue and criminal justice for the past three years for the Kallakurichi taluk from the Collector?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"Does the hon. Member want me to collect the statistics?"

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—"May I ask the hon. the Revenue Member whether he will be pleased to call for the statistics from the Collector relating to the Kallakurichi taluk under revenue and criminal justice for the past three years?"

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS:—"I do not know why I should do so."

Landlord and Tenant

Introduction of the amending Bill to the Estates Land Act.

*755-A *Q.*—Rao Bahadur B. MUNISWAMI NAYUDU: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the undertaking given by him on 3rd September 1928 to introduce the amending Bill to the Estates Land Act of 1908 during the lifetime of this Council—

(*a*) the steps already taken to give effect to it;

(*b*) when the Government hope to publish and introduce the draft Bill as accepted by the Government; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the agitation for amending the Estates Land Act has been going on from long before the reformed councils came into existence?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) If the hon. Member will be good enough to refer to the report of the Proceedings of this Council on the date he mentions, he will see that no undertaking was given to the effect now alleged. The present state of the case is that certain matters have been referred to the Board of Revenue for report. The Board has been reminded. On receipt of its remarks, the subject will be taken up by the Government for decision. The Government hope that this will be possible before the end of the current calendar year.

(*c*) Proposals for amending the Act were certainly made before the time referred to.